

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

July 22, 2009

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Amend Prior Board Action of August 22, 2008 (D-1)
Cancellation of Governor's Proclamation dated April 11, 1917
for Panaewa Forest Reserve, Puna and South Hilo, Hawaii, Tax
Map Keys: (3) 1-6-3; 2-2-46; 2-2-48; 2-2-52; 2-2-56; 2-2-61;
2-4-4; 2-4-49.

BACKGROUND:

The Land Board at its meeting of August 22, 2008, under agenda Item D-1, approved to recommend to the Governor a set aside canceling Governor's Proclamation dated April 11, 1917.

On April 11, 1917, Lucius E. Pinkham, Governor of Hawaii, with the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry establish a forest reserve in the district of South Hilo on the island of Hawaii to be called the Panaewa Forest Reserve containing an area of 1,750 acres.

On June 29, 1949 the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry revised the boundaries of the Panaewa Forest Reserve to 1,690 acres. The Commission determined it was unnecessary to include any adjacent private lands and that the area of government land is sufficient for a forest reserve.

Over time, some government lands were withdrawn from the Panaewa Forest Reserve to be used for non-forest related purposes. DAGS Survey Division staff discovered many withdrawals were not done.

Staff discussed this matter with DOFAW staff. It is unreasonable for DOFAW staff to continue oversight of Panaewa Forest Reserve when it covers 3 vacant parcels (totaling 45 acres) adjacent to Kanoelehua Avenue and 1 vacant property above Land Divisions' agricultural leases (totaling 101 acres). For efficient forest management, it was decided that the Panaewa Forest Reserve should be cancelled.

This submittal is to correct the approval of August 22, 2008 by including tax map key: 2-4-8. This was inadvertently not identified. DOFAW is preparing the information for the public hearing, tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2009.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Amend its prior Board action of August 22, 2008, under agenda item D-1 by adding tax map key 2-4-8.
2. All terms and conditions listed in its August 22, 2008 approval to remain the same.

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



Laura H. Thielen, Chairperson

